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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors; Announcement of Meeting; Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC, a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors, will review and provide advice on programmatic activities. The meeting is open to the public and registration is requested for both attendance and oral comment and required to access the webcast. Information about the meeting and registration are available at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

DATES: Meeting: June 20, 2018; Begins at 8:30 AM (EDT) and continues until adjournment.

Written Public Comment Submissions: Deadline is June 12, 2018.

Oral Comments: Deadline is June 12, 2018.

Registration for Meeting: Deadline June 20, 2018.

Registration to view the meeting via the webcast is required.

ADDRESSES: Meeting Location: Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Meeting Webpage: The preliminary agenda, registration, and other meeting materials are at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

Webcast: The meeting will be webcast; the URL will be provided to those who register for viewing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary Wolfe, Designated Federal Official for the BSC, Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, Division of NTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Phone: 984-287-3209, Fax: 301-451-5759, Email: [wolfe@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:wolfe@niehs.nih.gov). Hand Deliver/Courier address: 530 Davis Drive, Room K2130, Morrisville, NC 27560.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting and Registration: The meeting is open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comments; attendance at the meeting is limited only by the space available.

The BSC will provide input to the NTP on programmatic activities and issues.

Preliminary agenda topics include discussions on strategic realignment of NTP and updates on peer reviews. Please see the preliminary agenda for information about the specific presentations. The preliminary agenda, roster of BSC members, background materials, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the BSC meeting website (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Designated Federal Official for the BSC. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the BSC meeting website.

The public may attend the meeting in person or view the webcast. Registration is required to view the webcast; the URL for the webcast will be provided in the email confirming registration. Individuals who plan to provide oral comments (see below) are

encouraged to register online at the BSC meeting website

(<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) by June 12, 2018, to facilitate planning for the meeting.

Individuals are encouraged to access the website to stay abreast of the most current

information regarding the meeting. Visitor and security information for those attending

in-person is available at [niehs.nih.gov/about/visiting/index.cfm](http://niehs.nih.gov/about/visiting/index.cfm). Individuals with

disabilities who need accommodation to participate in this event should contact Ms.

Robbin Guy at phone: (984) 287-3136 or email: [guyr2@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:guyr2@niehs.nih.gov). TTY users should

contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at

least five business days in advance of the event.

Written Public Comments: NTP invites written and oral public comments on the agenda

topics. Guidelines for public comments are available at

[https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about\\_ntp/guidelines\\_public\\_comments\\_508.pdf](https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about_ntp/guidelines_public_comments_508.pdf).

The deadline for submission of written comments is June 12, 2018. Written public comments should be submitted through the meeting website. Persons submitting

written comments should include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any). Written comments received in response to this notice

will be posted on the NTP website, and the submitter will be identified by name,

affiliation, and sponsoring organization (if any).

Oral Public Comment Registration: The agenda allows for three public comment

periods: the first comment period on the strategic realignment (6 commenters, up to 5

minutes per speaker); the second comment period on the peer review of NTP's studies of

cell phone radiofrequency radiation (6 commenters, up to 5 minutes per speaker); and the

third comment period on the CLARITY-BPA Research Program: Peer Review of Core

Study and Next Steps (6 commenters, up to 5 minutes per speaker). Oral comments may be presented in person at NIEHS or by teleconference line. Registration for oral comments is on or before June 12, 2018, at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, and registrants will be assigned a number in their confirmation email. Each organization is allowed one time slot per comment period. After the maximum number of speakers per comment period is exceeded, individuals registered to provide oral comment will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Commenters will be notified after June 12, 2018, about the actual time allotted per speaker, and the teleconference number will be sent to those registered to give oral comments by teleconference line.

If possible, oral public commenters should send a copy of their slides and/or statement or talking points to Robbin Guy by email: [guyr2@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:guyr2@niehs.nih.gov) by June 12, 2018.

Meeting Materials: The preliminary meeting agenda is available on the meeting web page (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) and will be updated one week before the meeting. Individuals are encouraged to access the meeting web page to stay abreast of the most current information regarding the meeting.

Background Information on the BSC: The BSC is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP. Specifically, the BSC advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purpose of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities

knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral toxicology, neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. Members serve overlapping terms of up to four years. The BSC usually meets biannually. The authority for the BSC is provided by 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS), as amended.

The BSC is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

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